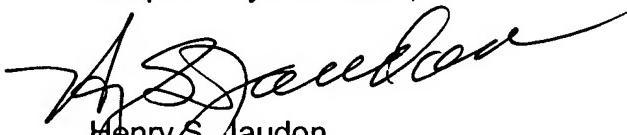


**Remarks**

It is urged that the restriction requirement be withdrawn for the reasons above set forth and an action on the merits of claims 1-20 be issued.

In the event that the restriction requirement is upheld Group II, i.e. claims 9-20 are elected for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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